SUBSTITUTE ABSTRACT

A pile carpet, tufted carpet or plush carpet has a backing support layer in which pile-forming yarns are anchored by needling to project to a front visible side whose structure and quality must not be modified. A back face of the backing support layer and the yarns exposed there is covered with an intermediate layer formed by a hot-melt powder, short-staple fusible fibers or a hot-melt film that is hydrodynamically needled into the backing support from the back side to integrate the intermediate layer with the backing layer and yarns there. Then this needled intermediate layer is heated from the back side to fuse the intermediate layer into the backing layer and yarns exposed there. Subsequently the heat-treated intermediate layer is covered with a nonwoven that is hydrodynamically needled against the heat-treated intermediate layer to anchor the nonwoven on the backing support layer.